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MEMORANDUM

To: Equestrian Enthusiasts

From: Maria Luke, DVM
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Date: October 1, 2007

Subject: Equine Event Permit

The Georgia Department of Agriculture would like to clarify the process to apply for an Equine Event Permit. This Permit allows you to transport your equine for special events between the states of Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. The Permit is not valid for movement associated with a change of ownership.

In order to transport your equine (horse, mule, donkey, pony, zebra, miniature horse, or other equine) across state lines, a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) and negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) is required. The CVI, commonly known as a health certificate, requires that a veterinarian inspect your horse for signs of contagious or infectious diseases to assure that the equine appears healthy. The Permit extends the original timeframe of a CVI from 30 days to six (6) months from the CVI inspection date or until the expiration of the EIA Test, whichever comes first. In order to remain a valid document, all of the paperwork pertaining to the CVI, EIA Test Form, and the Equine Event Permit must be kept together.

To assist you with obtaining an equine event permit, we have enclosed our Permit requirements, a detailed checklist, and an application form. If you have any questions about the Equine Event Permit, please call the Animal Health Office at the Georgia Department of Agriculture at (404) 656-3667 or contact us on the Web at www.agr.georgia.gov (under Divisions, Animal Industry, Animal Health).

Enclosures



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GEORGIA EQUINE EVENT PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

- The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) documenting a Georgia address as the location of the equine. The CVI, commonly known as a health certificate is valid for thirty (30) days from the inspection date and must be received in the Georgia Department of Agriculture office on or before the expiration date. The original, one of the carbon copies, or a legible photocopy that has been notarized with the statement that it is a true and accurate copy of the original (notary signature must be original) is acceptable. The testing laboratory name and address, accession number, EIA test date, and results must be listed on the CVI. The date that blood was collected is considered the EIA test date. Veterinarians are reminded that the CVI issue date can not be completed until you have received negative test results from the testing laboratory. Also, the date the CVI is issued cannot be more than ten (10) days from the date the veterinary examination.

For example: If the veterinarian inspects a horse on January 10 and he/she also collects a sample of blood for EIA testing, he/she cannot document the issue date on the CVI as January 10 because the results of the EIA test are not yet known. The issue date of the CVI may be no sooner than the day the veterinarian receives notification of the EIA results, but has to be within ten (10) days of the date the veterinarian inspected the equine.

- Location in Georgia where equine are housed. Equine must be stabled in Georgia on a full or part-time basis in order to be eligible for the permit. The CVI must reflect a Georgia address (residence or stable). A permit can be issued using a current out-of-state CVI provided the CVI reflects the Georgia address.
- A valid, negative Equine Infectious Anemia Test Form (EIA Test). A negative EIA Test, commonly known as a Coggins Test, is valid for 12 months from the sample collection date. Submit the original, one of the carbon copies, or a legible photocopy that has been notarized with the statement that it is a true and accurate copy of the original (notary signature must be original). The EIA Test information listed on the CVI (date, accession number, laboratory, etc.) must be the same information listed on the submitted EIA Test Form. Georgia will accept the computer generated EIA Test Forms with digital pictures provided the pictures are in color (submit original photos or notarized color copies). Please note that neither Arkansas nor Louisiana accept the computer generated EIA Test Forms with digital pictures; therefore, an equine event permit issued based upon that document will not be valid in Arkansas or Louisiana.
- Animal description. Please indicate all markings on the EIA Test Form. If the animal has no markings, please indicate by writing "no markings." Markings should be indicated both by drawn markings upon the EIA Test Form and a corresponding written description.

The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) and the Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) Test Form are legal documents; therefore, no alterations can be made to the EIA Test Form after negative results have been reported by the testing laboratory. If alterations are made prior to sending the EIA Test Form to the testing laboratory, the change(s) made must be initialed by the testing veterinarian. All changes made to the CVI must be initialed by the testing veterinarian prior to distribution of the copies.

All photocopies must be completely legible and notarized or the permit will be denied.

Requests for permits should be submitted to the Georgia Department of Agriculture, Capitol Square, Room 105, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. If you have any questions, please call (404) 656-3667 or contact us on the Web at www.agr.georgia.gov. Equine Event Permit information is available under Divisions, Animal Industry, Animal Health. Dr. Maria Luke is the supervisor that oversees Equine Event Permit Applications.



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GEORGIA EQUINE EVENT PERMIT CHECKLIST

This checklist is intended to assist you with sending the correct documentation to allow us to issue you an equine event permit. Please note that failure to submit the required documents will result in denial of your application. To inquire about equine event permits, please call (404) 656-3667.

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI, commonly known as a health certificate)

- ☐ The Consignor or Shipper listed on the CVI is the exact name and address in which the permit will be issued.
- ☐ The CVI is legible.
- ☐ A Georgia residence or stable address where the equine is stabled on a full or part time basis is documented on the CVI.
- ☐ One of the below statements is checked:
 - ☐ The CVI is being mailed in adequate time (up to 14 days) to be received in the Georgia Department of Agriculture office on or before thirty (30) days from the inspection date **OR**
 - ☐ The CVI is being sent by Express Service to be received on or before thirty (30) days from the inspection date.
- ☐ One of the below statements is checked:
 - ☐ The original CVI is enclosed **OR**
 - ☐ One of the original carbon copies is enclosed **OR**
 - ☐ A legible photocopy is enclosed that has been notarized with the statement that it is a true and accurate copy of the original and the notary signature is original.
- ☐ The testing laboratory name and address, accession number, EIA test date and results are listed on the CVI.
- ☐ The EIA test information listed on the CVI (date, accession number, laboratory, equine description, etc.) is the same information listed on the submitted EIA Test Form.
- ☐ The EIA test date corresponds to the date the blood was drawn.
- ☐ The CVI issue date was on or after the day the veterinarian received negative test results from the testing laboratory.
- ☐ The CVI issue date is not more than ten (10) days from the date the issuing veterinarian examined the equine.



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Equine Infectious Anemia Test Form (EIA Test, commonly known as a Coggins Test)

- ☐ The sample collection date was in the last 12 months and the result is listed as negative.
- ☐ The EIA Test Form is legible.
- ☐ One of the below statements is checked:
 - ☐ The original Test Form is enclosed **OR**
 - ☐ One of the original carbon copies is enclosed **OR**
 - ☐ A legible photocopy is enclosed that has been notarized with the statement that it is a true and accurate copy of the original (notary signature is original).
- ☐ One of the statements below is checked
 - ☐ The EIA Test Form is not computer generated **OR**
 - ☐ The computer generated EIA Test Form has original color digital pictures and I am not traveling to Arkansas or Louisiana **OR**
 - ☐ The computer generated EIA Test Form has notarized color copies of digital pictures and I am not traveling to Arkansas or Louisiana.
- ☐ One of the statements below is checked:
 - ☐ All markings are indicated by both by drawn markings and a corresponding written description **OR**
 - ☐ No markings are present and this is indicated by the statement "no markings."
- ☐ One of the statements below is checked:
 - ☐ No alterations were made to the EIA Test Form **OR**
 - ☐ Alterations were made prior to sending the EIA Test Form to the testing laboratory. The change(s) made are initialed by the testing veterinarian prior to distribution of the original carbon copies.
- ☐ One of the statements below is checked:
 - ☐ I want my Equine Event Permit returned by regular mail **OR**
 - ☐ A prepaid return mailer for Express Service is enclosed
- ☐ My documents are being submitted to:
The Georgia Department of Agriculture
Attention: Equine Event Permit
Capitol Square, Room 105
Atlanta, Georgia 30334



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EQUINE EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION

Name of Equine: _____

Owner of Equine: _____

Address of Owner: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

In case of questions, please contact my agent. (If not applicable, write N/A)

Agent Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Mail Completed Equine Event Permit to: (Circle One) Owner Agent

Owner or Agent Signature: _____

Printed Name of Above: _____

If you have any questions about the Equine Event Permit, please call (404) 656-3667. You may contact us on the Web at www.agr.georgia.gov (click on Divisions, Animal Industry, Animal Health).

Mail this completed application with your CVI and E.I.A. Test Form to:
The Georgia Department of Agriculture
Attention: Equine Event Permit
Capitol Square, Room 105
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

For Office Use Only. Please Do Not Write Below This Line.

Postmark Date: _____ Date Received: _____ Date Mailed: _____

Comments:

Special Handling: Received By Returned By

Received From: Owner Veterinarian Agent

Mailed To: Owner Veterinarian Agent